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FROM RIGHT
TO LEET

Chapter 12:
"Great Blaze" Side b (2)
I love this world
The beautiful order behind it.
and the beautiful chaos that is in those parts without order.
It's wonderful

however
BEEP
BEEP
The whys and hows hidden behind things in this world have always charmed me
That's why I chose to become a scientist
K-CHK
BEEP
BEEP
...SLOWLY, WE HAVE BEEN ANALYSING GOD'S PAIN AND REMOV-ING IT.
...

BIT BY BIT,
IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT WON'T NOTICE.
THEN, WE TRANSMIT THE PROPER CODE FOR THE SYNTHETIC CONSCIOUSNESS ORBS...
THE EXTRACTED "PAIN" IS REFINED INTO BODIES THAT CAN HOLD INFORMATION FOR STORAGE.
YES.
CLACK
THIS ALLOWS US TO TRANSMIT DATA TO KEEP GOD IN AN ARTIFICIALLY STABLE STATE.
AND AT SOME POINT...
IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY, IT CAN BE RETURNED TO GOD..
...

(T/NOTE: ANGELICUS' DIALOGUE IS INTERSPERSED WITH OOAS OR AAS, WHICH IS EMBOLDENED WHERE APPROPRIATE.)

TRULY...
IF WE COULD ERADICATE TERRIBLE DISEASES, OR PERHAPS...
ANGELICUS.
FOR THE RESEARCHER ANGELS UNDER YOUR COMMAND
THEY'VE ENDORSED MY POLICY OF IGNORING THE CONTINUED TWISTING OF THE WORLD AND DEVOTING THEIR EFFORTS ON SUPPRESSING THE ABSOLUTE GOD THROUGH THESE ARTIFICIAL MEANS. I'M GRATEFUL.
YES, BUT...
WHAT DO YOU THINK "PAIN" IS?
...WHAT?
WHEN OUR BODY BECOMES SICK, IT RELEASES NOREPINEPHRINE AND SIMILAR HORMONES
RIGHT, NOREPI-NEPHRINE...
IT'S A SUBSTANCE THAT CAUSES SUFFERING, CHILLS, AND DISCOURAGEMENT -PRACTICALLY ALL NEGATIVE FEELINGS- IN THE BRAIN.
IT'S THE REASON WHY YOU DON'T SEE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE BRIGHT, CHEERY, AND
...

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SO, WE COME TO NOW, WHERE WE HAVE CAUSED GOD TO
LOSE THAT "SIGNAL".
"PAIN" IS "PAIN-FUL".
BUT THAT'S PRECISELY THE REASON THAT WHEN THERE IS AN IRREGULAR-ITY FORMING IN US THAT WE ARE ABLE TO NOTICE IT!
IN OTHER WORDS
"PAIN" IS
SN-AP
A SIGNAL THAT TELLS THE BODY TO START CORRECTING AN IRREGULARITY IT DISCOVERED.
...
LORD ARCHAN-GEL?
?!
IF WE TAKE OUR SYNTHETIC CONSCIOUSNESS ORBS AND START TO TRANSMIT FAKE DATA TO GOD,
AT THAT POINT GOD WILL GRADU-ALLY...
THAT'S WHY GOD ISN'T NO-TICING.

WELL, IT'S CLEAR AT THIS POINT,
GOD HAS ALREADY STARTED TO BECOME CONFUSED.
...WH...
WHAT ...?
TH-THEN THE CAUSE OF THE TWISTING THAT'S SPREADING
IS NOT BECAUSE OF A SHORT-TERM DECLINE IN GOD'S FACULTIES...
GOD IS SICK.
AND IT IS UNABLE TO NOTICE.
EVEN NOW, IT IS CONTINUING TO DECLINE.
AND SOON, I WILL FUSE WITH GOD, WHEN IT HAS NO STRENGTH TO DEFY ME.
THE POWERS OF GOD SHALL BE IN MY HANDS...
I SHALL BECOME THE NEW ABSOLUTE GOD.
LORD ARCHANGEL.
SHIVER

WHEN I HAVE SAVED THIS WORLD FROM ITS IN-COMPETENT GOD,
I WILL CORRECT THIS OVERLY TWISTED, DEFECTIVE WORLD, AND IT SHALL BE A NEW ONE...
ABSO-LUTE...
I WILL CREATE A PERFECT WORLD.
ONE IN WHICH NO DEFECTS EXIST!
DO YOU THINK IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE?
FOR ME FOR ANY PERSON TO BECOME A GOD? THAT THERE'S NO WAY IT CAN
THAT THIS IS ALL MY OWN TWISTED DREAM?
B...
...

He can do it.
and he knows I know that
NO...
...!
It's no fantasy
and it's not madness
B-BUT...
It IS possible
Can such a world possibly exist?
SHIVER
"A world completely free of flaws", though...?
Perfect humans. In a perfect world.
ANGELICUS.
TAKE THE PAIN EXTRACTED FROM GOD AND CULTIVATE IT.
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FIRE IT INTO GOD IN CAPSULE FORM.
CULTI-VATE ...?
WE WILL TAKE THE MULTIPLIED, INTENSIFIED, AND AMPLIFIED PAIN AND...
WHAT?!
I'M NOT SURE IF I UNDER-STAND-.
?!
SOON GOD WILL HAVE NO MORE SUFFERING INSIDE.
FROM OUTSIDE, WE WILL TAKE THIS MULTIPLIED, PURE PAIN AND SHOOT BULLETS OF IT AT GOD.
WE CAN THEREBY RENDER GOD TOTALLY POWERLESS.

YOU KNEW A WAY TO COMPLETELY NEUTRALIZE GOD AND YET,
WHY WOULD YOU SPECIFICALLY LET GOD SLOWLY GO INSANE ...?!
YOU MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT THIS WOULD CAUSE TWISTING TO SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD...
THIS WILL PUT A STOP TO THE WORST OF THE PHENOMENA WE'VE BEEN SEEING- ALL OF THE PHENOMENA, IN FACT-
W... WAIT A MINUTE, PLEASE.
THEN WHY...
And why?
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,
WHY IS IT THAT YOU HATE GOD SO MUCH?
What reason could there be to choose to "kill"
Surely transmitting information in the same form via Consciousness Orbs would have the same effect
Why would we need to go to the trouble of "shooting" pain into God?

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IF WE SIMPLY TRIED TO MAKE A CASE FOR GOD'S INCOMPETENCE TO CONVINCE THEM, DO YOU THINK THEY'D UNDERSTAND?
OR OF THOSE LOW-RANK ANGELS WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING WE NEED A REASON TO DO THIS THAT EVEN THEY CAN SEE IS JUSTIFIED.
THINK OF THE RELIGIOUS HARD-HEADS IN THE KORIEL FACTION,
THE RESEARCHERS PREFER IT, TOO...
IT'S A MATTER OF PERSUASIVE FORCE.
That's a lie!
BUT...
THEY MIGHT ACT RECKLESSLY OUT OF IGNORANCE OR ANXIETY, AND INTERFERE WITH OUR PLANS.
ARE YOU GOING TO DEFY ME, AFTER ALL THIS TIME...?
DOCTOR ANGELICUS,
There's no way this MAN would be so concerned over such a MINOR ISSUE.
TWITCH

ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTOOD...

AT LORD ARCHANGEL'S COMMAND
MY SINS FOR THAT ACT ALONE WILL ENSURE ME A PLACE IN HELL.
I TOOK GOD'S SUFFERING, AND CULTIVATED IT.
THE "INSECT ANGELS", THE LITTLES, WHEN PLACED IN CULTIVATION TUBES,
BECOME THE BULLETS FOR THE ANGELIC RIFLE.
THE EXTRACTED "PAIN" OF GOD...

"PURIFY US!"
"WE'VE BEEN SPLIT OFF!"
"IT HURTS!"
...!
WHEN A GROTESQUE IS SHOT BY ANGELIC BULLETS,
THE CULTIVATION TUBE BREAKS,
AND THE LITTLE BREAKS FREE.
...
HOWEVER, BEFORE THE LITTLE CAN FLY AWAY, IT DIES.
AN EXISTENCE KNOWING ONLY PAIN...
THE LITTLES CAN ONLY SURVIVE IN THEIR TUBE.
EACH TIME I SAW WITH MY OWN EYES THEIR PLIGHT,
I WAS ONCE AGAIN REMINDED OF MY OWN SINS.
BUT...

I BEG OF YOU.
PLEASE PURIFY THESE CHILDREN.
BEFORE LONG MANY OF THEM WILL BE PLACED IN BULLETS.
THESE CHILDREN WITH NO FREE WILL KNOWING ONLY SUFFERING.
I WAS UNABLE TO THINK OF BETRAYAL...
CHIK
BUT WITH YOUR "PURIFICATION POWER",
PERHAPS...
...
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THEY SAY THAT THEY WISH TO GO WITH YOU.
THANK YOU.
YOU SAVED THE LITTLES FROM THEIR SUFFERING FOR ME..
ANGELICUS,
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IRRR
.....

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I'M GIVING IT BACK!
I... I THINK I'M ACTUALLY FINE!
...!
SURPRISE
...WHAT DO YOU EVEN WANT, ANYWAY?!
LIKE IT'S ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS!
I... WANT TO BECOME ONE.
BUT... IF I DO, WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO ME?
CAN I STILL BE ME...?
...I'M SCARED NOW.
I'M REALLY SCARED...
YOU UNDER-STAND, RIGHT?

I DON'T UNDER-STAND
WHAT?!
I WANT TO QUICKLY FILL IT...
"EMPTI-NESS"...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NO...
THIS EMPTI-NESS...
REALIZATION
IT'S JUST.. I KILLED MY BROTHER SO I COULD LIVE
...BREAKING THE WORLD AS WELL...
REPEATING OVER AND OVER, THAT.
END-LESS SIN...
...I DON'T UNDER-STAND...

LET'S GO TO THE BOTTOM FLOOR.
TO SEE THE ABSOLUTE GOD.
Pat
...
I'M ALSO IN PAIN.
. WHY ...?
SHE WILL SAVE YOU.
IT CAN'T REALLY BE CALLED "PAIN", BUT...
BUT WHEN I SEE YOUR FACE, THERE'S THIS CLENCHING IN MY HEART,
AND I FEEL THIS AWFUL SORT OF PRESSURE...
u-uhhmm_m_m_m
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WELL, IN ANY CASE...
VUUU
NUMBER 12! YOUR ANGELIC RIFLE...
IT'S GONE?
PERHAPS A GROTESQUE STOLE IT FROM YOU WHEN YOU WEREN'T WATCHING?
GO.
PURIFY THE INSANE GOD.
K-CHK
...

WOOOSH
WOOOSH
WAIT, PLEASE!
THWAP
THE LITTLES' IDEA SEPHIRAH...
IT WILL RESTORE YOUR "PAIN"...
THWAP
THWAP
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
I WANT TO BECOME ONE WITH YOU, I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF
I'LL SURELY DO TERRIBLE THINGS...
WHAT?
NO...
DON'T COME HERE!

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STAGGER
LIMP
...
...?!
PLEASE,
THE LITTLES' IDEA SEPHIRAH
I'LL DO IT.
?!
BUT HOW...
THE LITTLES HELPED ME REMEMBER EARLIER.
I'LL TAKE THE ABSOLUTE GOD'S PAIN AND RETURN IT.
THAT'S MY— ALICE'S...
I'LL RETURN GOD'S "PAIN".

WE WERE BORN BY SPLITTING OFF FROM THE ABSOLUTE GOD.
I'M ONE OF THE SPLIT DIVINITIES, SO THIS IS MY DUTY...
WAIT..
WHIP!
ALICE!
..?!

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ALICE!
MOTHER.
HAS REGAINED HER "PAIN...!"
ZZZZT

AH
AAAA
AAH
A...
!!.....
THE LITTLES'...
ALICE, WHO HAD BEEN SEEKING THE FORGOTTEN PAIN OF THE "LITTLES", HAS RETURNED IT.
MOTHER'S "PAIN" HAS RETURNED TO HER.
THE SIGNAL THAT ALLOWS ONE TO REPAIR ITSELF...

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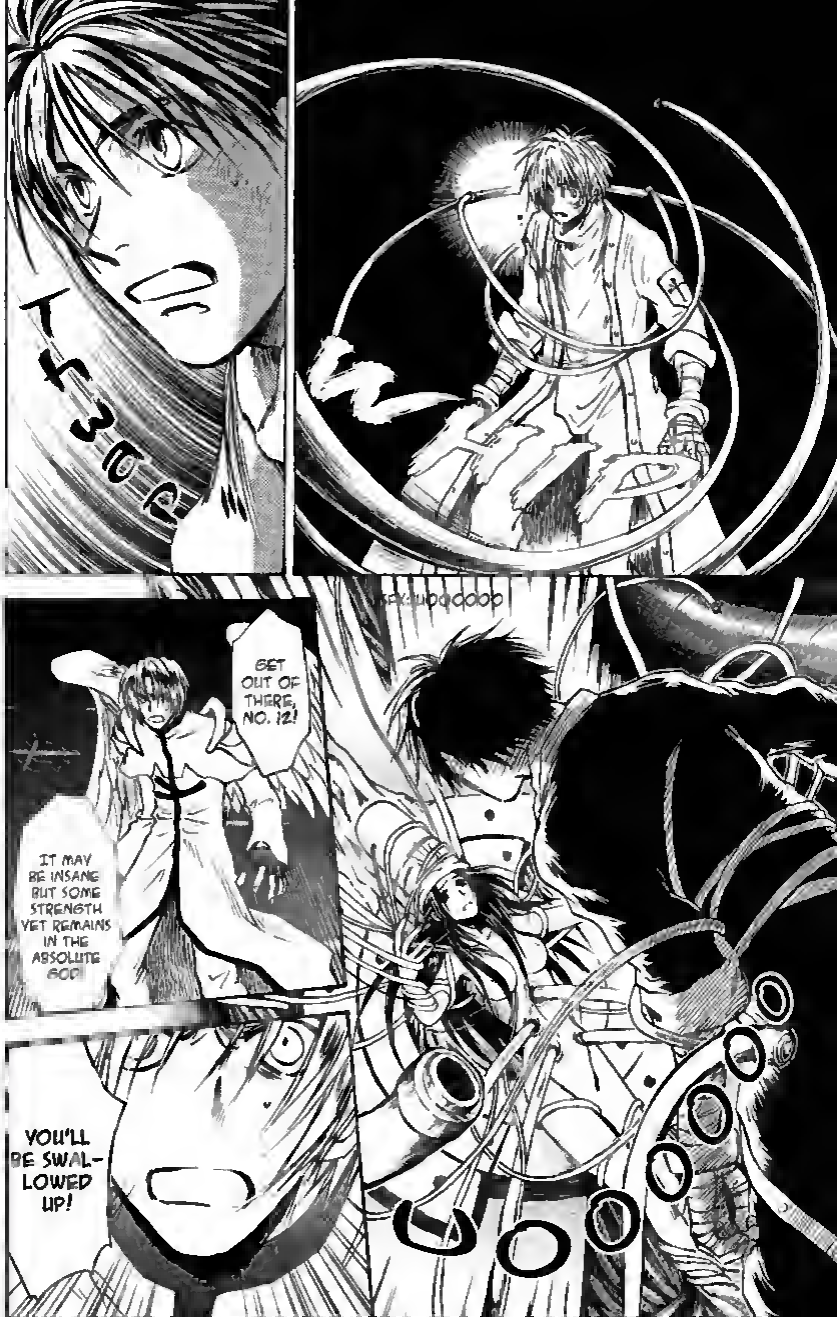
BUT IT'S NO GOOD.
MOTHER IS STILL...
Chapter 13:
"The Great Blaze" (1)
AT THIS RATE, GOD'S GOING TO GO INSANE!
NO. 12!
YOU DO KNOW WHAT THAT IS, RIGHT?
...

QUICK! PURIFY IT WITH THE ANGELIC RIFLE!
12..?
NUMBER 12!
WAIT...
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER
PURIFY ME...
NO...
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER


BET OUT OF THERE, NO. 12!
IT MAY BE INSANE BUT SOME STRENGTH YET REMAINS IN THE ABSOLUTE GOD!
YOU'LL BE SWAL-LOWED UP!

YOU'LL GO CRAZY TOO!
AND IF THAT HAPPENS, THE WORLD WILL BE...!
IF YOUR "PURIFICATION POWER" IS GIVEN TO THE ABSOLUTE GOD VIA FUSION, IT WILL LOSE ALL MEANING.
GOD WILL SHORTLY GO INSANE!
LISTEN TO ME!
WHEN GOD IS PURIFIED IT WILL TURN INTO AN [redacted] SEPHIRAH
IF I RECEIVE IT, I TOO CAN WIELD THE PURIFICATION POWER
AND WE CAN CREATE AND PRESERVE A NEW WORLD

SINCE IT HAS COME TO THIS, THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO SAVE THIS WORLD!
NUMBER 12! ARE YOU LISTENING?!
HAVE YOU NO INTENTION OF SAVING THIS WORLD..?!
...NO...
WHILE I STILL HAVE CONTROL OF MYSELF...
THERE'S STILL TIME.
LET GO OF ME...
I WANT TO JOIN WITH YOU,
BUT...
IT WON'T WORK
I'M ALREADY GOING INSANE

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NO.
THIS IS WHAT I HAVE DECIDED TO DO.
NO...
PURIFY ME AND SAVE THIS WORLD..
IF YOU'RE GOING CRAZY, THEN I WILL TOO.
ZRRRRRRRT
WHY..?
..HUH?
YOU'RE MORE IMPORTANT TO ME
THAN SAVING THE WORLD.
...!

WHY DO YOU FEEL THIS WAY?
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW YOURSELF, DO YOU..?
THAT'S WHY IT WON'T WORK.
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE...!
DREAD
...?!
YOU DO NOT HAVE A "PAST" TO SUPPORT YOU!
THEREFORE YOU DO NOT HOLD "YOU" INSIDE YOURSELF

YOU WOULD BE SWALLOWED UP IN THE STREAM OF MY BEING!
ANY TRACE OF YOU WOULD DISAP-PEAR...!
Why?

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WHY DO I THINK

THAT WHEN COMPARED TO OTHERS,

MY BODY IS SOMEHOW DIFFERENT?

HE'S DIFFERENT TOO
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
DIFFERENT
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR BODY'S DOING JUST FINE TODAY!
IS THE SAME AS I AM
BIG BROTHER.
IN THE WHOLE WORLD, ONLY MY BIG BROTHER
LET'S TALK OR SOMETHING
BIG BROTHER...!
...HEY, WAKE UP!
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SLEEPING?
LET'S PLAY!

HMM, IF YOU WERE IN THE SAME POSITION WE WOULDN'T WANT TO WAKE YOU UP, RIGHT?
SAME THING.
IF YOU WERE BOTH AWAKE AT THE SAME TIME, YOU WOULD BE VERY SICK!
DON'T DO THAT!
WE CAN'T WAKE UP YOUR BIG BROTHER.
WHY?
snore
WHY DO WE HAVE TO TAKE TURNS BEING ALONE...?
...WHY...?
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T/L NOTE: MOSTLY INCOHERENT. ONE OR TWO WORDS LIKE "ONE OF THEM" CAN BE MADE OUT

I'M NOT ALONE!
THEY CAN'T BE SUSTAINED ANY LONGER,
UNLESS WE WANT TO SEE BOTH OF THEM DIE.
WE HAVE TO CUT THEM APART!
NO!
pant
pant
NUMBER 12...
I'M BEGGING YOU.
AFTER ALL,
WE BROTHERS ARE
TWO PEOPLE IN ONE BEING.
...I DON'T CARE IF I DIE.

DON'T CUT US
cut me
IN TWO...!
DON'T STRUG-GLE.
PLEASE HOLD HIM STILL!
WE NEED TO TRAN-QUILIZE HIM...!
In the midst of the darkest sleep,
I saw a dream.

I'M HERE.
HUH?!
GASP
BIG BROTHER..?
relief
BIG BROTH-ER...
WHICH SHALL DIE?

...
...!
I...
DON'T WANT TO DIE...
THEN
I AM SLAIN.

WE HAD NO CHOICE!
IF WE HADN'T DONE IT BOTH OF YOU WOULD HAVE DIED FOR CERTAIN!
AS FOR YOUR BROTHER...
SHH!

BROTHER...!

No

I...
DON'T WANT TO DIE...
NO.
I DON'T CARE IF I DIE.
DON'T CUT US IN TWO...!
I WANTED TO LIVE.

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THAT'S WHY

I KILLED MY BROTHER...

LORD NUMBER I ASKED ME TO QUICKLY GATHER EVERYONE
HE'S CALLED AN EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY
NUMBER 12!
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE HERE IN GOD'S

HE PLANS TO SHOOT GOD WITH IT SHORTLY.
ARCHANGEL'S DESIRES ARE COMING TO FRUITION...
!
THEN THAT MEANS...
IT SEEMS THE "ANGELIC RIFLE" IS COMPLETE.
C...
BUT HE SPOKE THE TRUTH REGARDING THE INCREASES IN TWISTING...
CAN SUCH A BRAZEN PLAN REALLY BE FORGIVEN?!
TO SHOOT GOD...
...!
WE'LL USE THE "DABAR FUSION".
!
THERE'S NO WAY IT CAN BE TRUE...
WHAT ARCHANGEL SAID
COULD GOD BE PLANNING TO ANNIHILATE HUMANITY..?
SINCE WE DO NOT KNOW GOD'S INTENT THROUGH SPEECH WE SHALL LEARN IT THIS WAY.
THERE IS NO OTHER CHOICE. WE WILL DO THE DABAR FUSION.

THE "DABAR FUSION"!
A FORBIDDEN TECHNIQUE FUSING GOD WITH A HUMAN
THE GOD UNABLE TO SPEAK ALONE, CAN THEREBY GIVE US THE PROPHECIES OR "DABAR".
GOD GAINS THE MOUTH OF HE WHO FUSES WITH IT...!
HOWEVER, THE RECORDS INDICATE THAT IN THE PAST, IN ALL ATTEMPTS,
NOT A SINGLE PERSON WHO TRIED IT SURVIVED..
THAT'S WHY IT CAME TO BE FORBIDDEN FOR SO LONG...
...
NUMBER 12.
YES.
RUSTLE
WILL YOU TRY IT FOR US?
YES.
MURMUR
HEY, NUMBER 12...!
WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'LL HAPPEN!

NUMBER 12..!
THEN I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
IT'S FINE.
I KNOW.

...WHY PICK HIM?
ONCE, HE WAS HALF OF A FULL BEING. BUT HE LOST IT. HE WAS SPLIT, AND IS SUFFERING.
HE HAS A LARGE GAP IN HIMSELF

...I'M SORRY.

SO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF "FUSION", HE IS IDEAL.?
BUT.
HE'S STILL SO YOUNG.
WHEN HE WAS SPLIT, ONLY HE SURVIVED. IT SEEMS HE FEELS IT IS A SIN HE COMMITTED.
HE WISHES TO FILL THAT HOLE WITHIN HIMSELF WITH SOMETHING.
EVEN NOW.
ASIDE FROM POSSIBLY ARCHANGEL HIMSELF
THERE'S ALSO THE MATTER OF APTITUDE.
IN ALL MY TIME, I HAVE YET TO SEE ANYONE ELSE WHO MATCHES THE PROPER WAVELENGTHS SO WELL...
STEP
ARCHANGEL PLANS TO BECOME THE NEXT "GOD OF CREATION"...!
THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR HESITATION!
IT IS THE MOMENT OF TRUTH!

SENTRY ANGEL2
THE MONITORS ARE REPLAYING A LOOP OF FAKE FOOTAGE
I PUT HIM TO SLEEP
WE HAVE UNTIL THE SENTRY ANGEL'S SHIFT CHANGE.
BOOP
CREEEAK
GHOOOOOOOOOON

GUOOOON
step
step
step
T/L NOTE: GIBBERISH. LIKELY A MADE-UP LANGUAGE. LOOKS ARCHAIC
PAT

GASP
!
SPLURT
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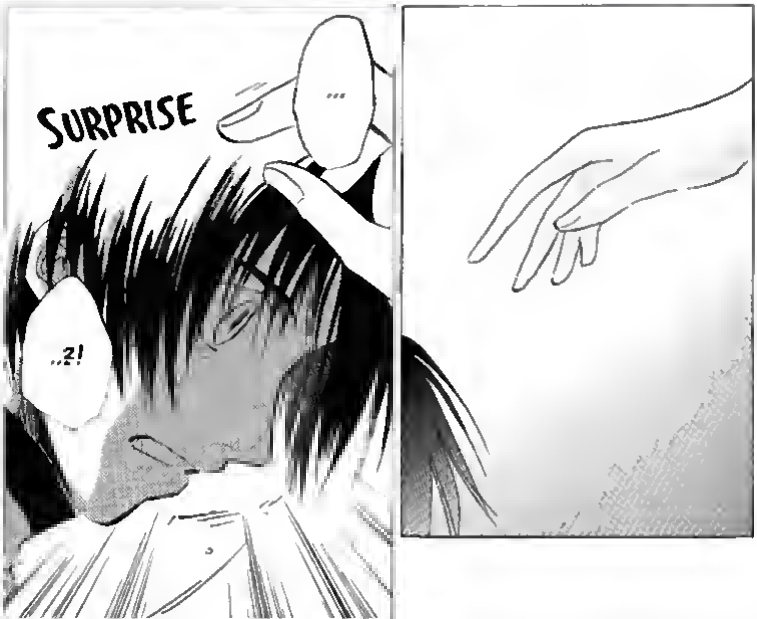
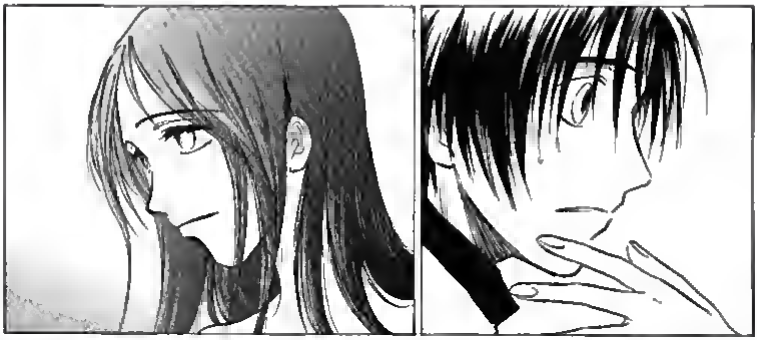


...
YOU ARE...
?
...WHAT?
SOMEHOW...
THIS PERSON IS...?



IT'S WARM.

...!
..THE " DABAR FUSION"?
TRULY..?!
WHAT..?

...ANYTHING...
OOOOON
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT
TO FILL THE HOLE IN MYSELF AGAIN...
TO ONE BEING...
ZRRRRT

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主人公に天使銃を渡し、神経塔へと向かわせるが、その真意は定かではない。

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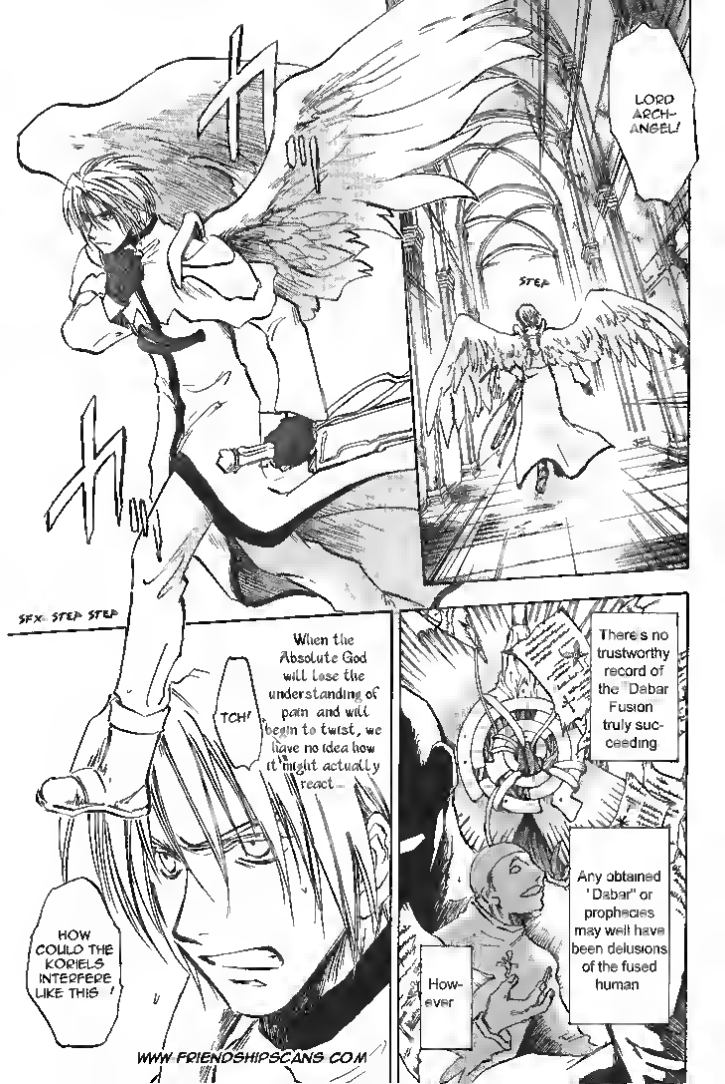
Chapter 14: The Great Blaze

PLEASE WAIT SIR! GOING ALONE WOULD BE...
MAKE SURE TO REPORT THE KORIEL FACTION'S BETRAYAL TO THE EXECUTION SQUAD!
ASSEMBLE THE EXECUTION SQUAD AND THE RESEARCH TEAM.
START REPAIRING THE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS!


LORD ARCH-ANGEL!
STEP
SFX: STEP STEP
When the Absolute God will lose the understanding of pain and will begin to twist, we have no idea how it might actually react...
TCH!
HOW COULD THE KORIELS INTERFERE LIKE THIS!
There's no trustworthy record of the "Dabar Fusion truly succeeding
Any obtained "Dabar" or prophecies may well have been delusions of the fused human
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It's detestable
How stupid
What could they be hoping to get out of that thing?!
It's quite possible that - in our sense of the meaning - it has no will at all
SFX: BNNNNN
!!!!!

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WHAT—

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!!
SFX WEEOOOOO
SFX WEEOOOOO
THEY FOUND OUT?!
IM-POS-SI-BLE
HOW COULD WE BE EX-POSED THAT QUICK-LY?!
NO USE WONDER-ING WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
IF THE EXECU-TION SQUAD COMES, WE'RE DONE FOR!
IF THE RESEARCH TEAM IS ALONG, THEY'LL BREAK ANY LOCKS
SH-SHOULD WE STOP AND TRY TO ESCAPE?
IDIOT!
AT THIS POINT, HOW COULD WE?

...LET'S WAIT FOR THEM OUTSIDE.
SFX: SILENCE
LORD KORIEL I...
MAYBE WE CAN BARRICADE THE INSIDE
AS I SAID BEFORE, THERE'S NO WAY THAT THAT WILL WORK!
CALM YOURSELVES!
IN THE WORST CASE, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BUY SOME TIME.
PERHAPS WE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.
WELL, LET'S GO
NUMBER 10 REMAIN HERE AND RECORD WHAT HAPPENS
Y-YES SIR!
SFX: STEP STEP STEP
God.
Could you please...

ゴォォ
!
-HEY, STAND UP!
STOP STRUGGLING!
LORD ARCHANGEL, THE DOOR HAS OPENED!
PLEASE WAIT, ARCHANGEL! AT LEAST...
TELL US
GOD'S
...
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THIS SIGNAL HAS NEVER BEEN RE-CORDED BEFORE!
HOW COULD THIS BE HAPPEN-ING ?!
IM-POSSI-BLE !
START YOUR ANALY-SIS!
QUICK-LY!
YES!
-YOU MEAN HE S
INSIDE THAT ?!

THE
THE SIGNAL'S AMPLI-TUDE JUST JUMPED
WHAT HAP-PENED?
THAT S ODD
WHAT ?!
L LORD ARCHAN-GEL!
LOOK HERE!
YES?!
DAMN!
What in the world is happening...)

COULD IT BE
THAT'S...
THAT'S GOD ITSELF?!
!!!
TCH
That isn't a "Divine Fusion" or anything.
The actual fusion is about to begin!
If it continues, that man will...
That's an order! Hurry up!
Don't you understand?!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!
CUT THEM APART!
E-EUT WE SHOULDN'T ACT SO CARELESSLY...

He doesn't even have the slightest desire to save the world.
That man holds in himself a severe twisting.
If number 12 merges with God, he will become the next God himself...!
.....
TCH
GIVE ME THAT!

Aaaaaaaaahhhhhh!
Aaa
aaa
aaah
GOD
SPOKE!
PLEASE
I BEG YOU

Don't split us in two!
...!!

uhh
uu?
Someone is crying...?
I WOULD HATE IT IF YOU DISAP-PEARED
DON'T GO CRAZY
I'M BEGGING YOU!
DON'T GO CRAZY!

RETRIEVE YOURSELF AND THEN,
RETURN ONCE AGAIN TO MY SIDE !

Myself...

retrieve...

I am
!!

Was it her?
Retrieve your self and then,
return once again to my side.
-This... The Absolute God gave my brother those memories
Why am I
Did my brother want me to live again ?
This...
What is this place?
Was waking up in this place
her will? Then...?
EVERY TIME HE DIES HE BECOMES BLANK SLATE? WHAT A PAIN.
Other people...?
ERASE THEM.
SFX STEP
-THEN, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HIS MEMORIES?
How do I get outside ?
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WITH THE CONSCIOUSNESS ORB, WE CAN COLLECT THE MEMORIES AND EXPERIENCE WHAT HE OBTAINED OUT THERE.
THEN WE JUST WRITE 'EM TO THE NEXT ONE.
OHHH, I SEE
THAT WAY, HE LEARNS BIT BY BIT HOW TO DEAL WITH THE GROTESQUES
THE PROBABILITY OF HIM REACHING THE BOTTOM FLOOR WILL INCREASE AS TIME GOES ON
It's about you.
What's that all about?

Wait...
...
!?

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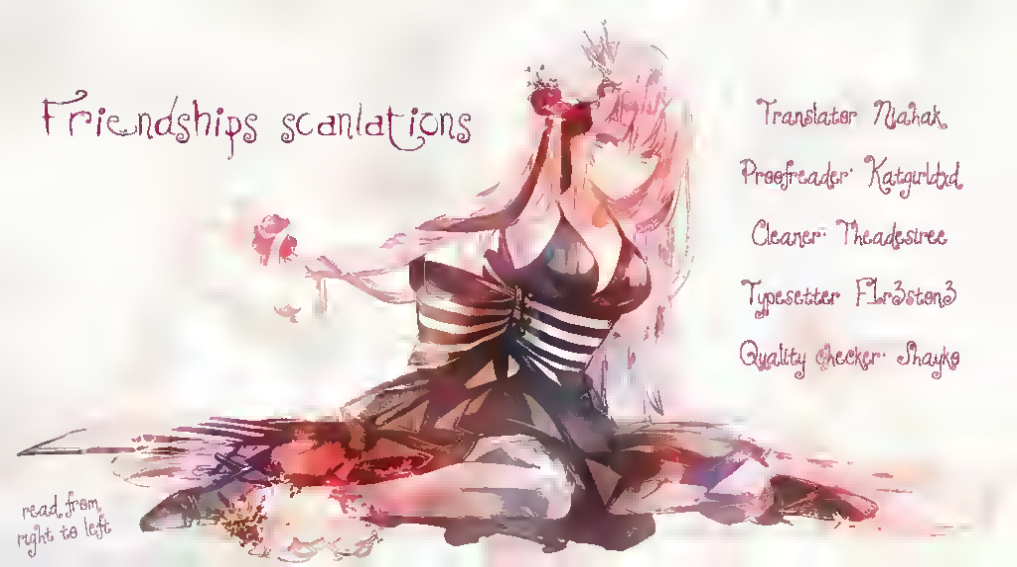

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...THE WORLD HEALS ITSELF...
.....
WHAT'S WITH THAT...

CHAPTER 16

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SHOOT THE GOD WITH YOUR ANGELIC RIFLE!
HAVE YOU FOR-GOTTEN YOUR MISSION?!
I'VE COME
TO GOD'S DOMAIN

I HAVE RECOVERED MY "SELF".
WITH ELIZA AND ALICE'S HELP ...
I'VE BEEN ABLE TO HELP YOU.
WITH THE "PAIN" RESTORED TO YOU, DESPITE ANY TWISTING, YOU ENABLE TO CONTROL YOUR POWERS
THIS IS THE MOMENT WHEN YOU 'RESET' EVERYTHING, YOU ALLOWED ME TO AWAKEN THE "ME" WITHIN MYSELF
THAT'S RIGHT, ISN'T IT?
WHAT'S WRONG ...?

...TCH!
...WHY?!
OPEN YOUR EYES!
...WHY DO YOU REMAIN SILENT?
HEY!
PLEASE, RE-SPOND
...SO THAT'S HOW IT IS?
?!
I WAS CERTAIN THIS TIME
WE COULD BECOME ONE, BUT...?!

NO. 47 ...?!
YOU PLAN TO DEFILE GOD ONCE AGAIN?!
THE GREAT BLAZE WASN'T ENOUGH FOR YOU?!
IT'S JUST AS LORD ARCHANGEL FEARED
THUMP
STAGGER
?!

...
FROM BEING SO CLOSE TO GOD, HUH...
UGH
...
...?!
W... WHAT?
MY BODY ISN'T ...

RED EYES ...?!
WHAT JUST NOW...
?
I WONDER IF THIS BODY IS OF NO USE AFTER ALL?
THE EFFECT OF THE TWISTING IS TOO POWERFUL.
LEEA

?!
SHUF

CLICK
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
WHERE'D THE GOD.. AND LORD ARCHANGEL GO?!
WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING?!
NO. 47!

LORD ARCH-ANGEL!
NO. 47
WILL YOU ASSIST ME?
YES, SIR!
EVEN IF THE COST IS MY LIFE!
HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE MALKUTH TAKING ME IN, I WOULD HAVE DIED IN THE STREETS.
UNTIL THEN, I HADN'T THOUGHT MUCH
ABOUT MATTERS OF THE WORLD, THOUGH...

It's a blessing that I'm able to control this.
LORD ARCHANGEL?!
It could be because you have opened your heart to me.
THAT VOICE... WHERE IS IT COMING FROM...?
AT THIS DISTANCE, WITH GOD'S CONSCIOUSNESS ORBS NEARBY, IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE.
I WILL TRANSFER A LARGE AMOUNT OF DATA TO THE CONSCIOUSNESS ORB FUSED TO YOUR BODY.
IT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING DATA.
...HUH?

NO. 47
I'LL BE TAKING THIS BODY.

ZZZLRP
Auuuuuuuu
gh!
TWITCH
SNAP

IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME SINCE I LAST STOOD ON "MY OWN" TWO LEGS.
Ooo
YOU PURIFIED THE CLONES, DIDN'T YOU?
THE RESEARCHER ANGELS CONFESSED IT.
HAD IT BEEN AN ARTIFICIAL CONSCIOUSNESS ORB, IT MAY HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE TO SHARE OWNERSHIP TO SOME DEGREE, BUT...

...
DO YOU PLAN TO FUSE WITH GOD?
...!
THAT'S WHY I GUIDED YOU TO THE ILLUSION I CREATED OF GOD'S
TO UNDESTAND YOUR OBJECTIVE
...
THERE'S NO WAY, BUT...
WHY?
HAVE YOU REGAINED YOUR MEMORIES FROM BEFORE?
I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO IT OVER AGAIN...
GGSHING!
...
VERY WELL.

SLAM!
THUD
OOO
CRUNCH
UGH
GHH
...

TWITCH
LORD
ARCH-ANGEL
...!
P...
PURIFY
AS MUCH AS I WOULD LIKE TO KILL YOU RIGHT NOW...
I CAN'T LET YOUR PURIFICATION ABILITIES PASS FROM THIS WORLD..
I'LL ERASE YOUR MEMORIES ONCE AGAIN.

THOUGH YOU MAY FEEL THE PAIN OF DEATH MANY TIMES
AND THE PANG OF YOUR SINS WHEN YOU LIVE AGAIN
IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CRIMES YOU COMMITTED
AND COM-MENSURATE TO MY HATE FOR YOU.
CLENCH
...CH...
PURIFY!
?!
AN ILLUSION OF THE LITLESS?
TCH...
SHARED

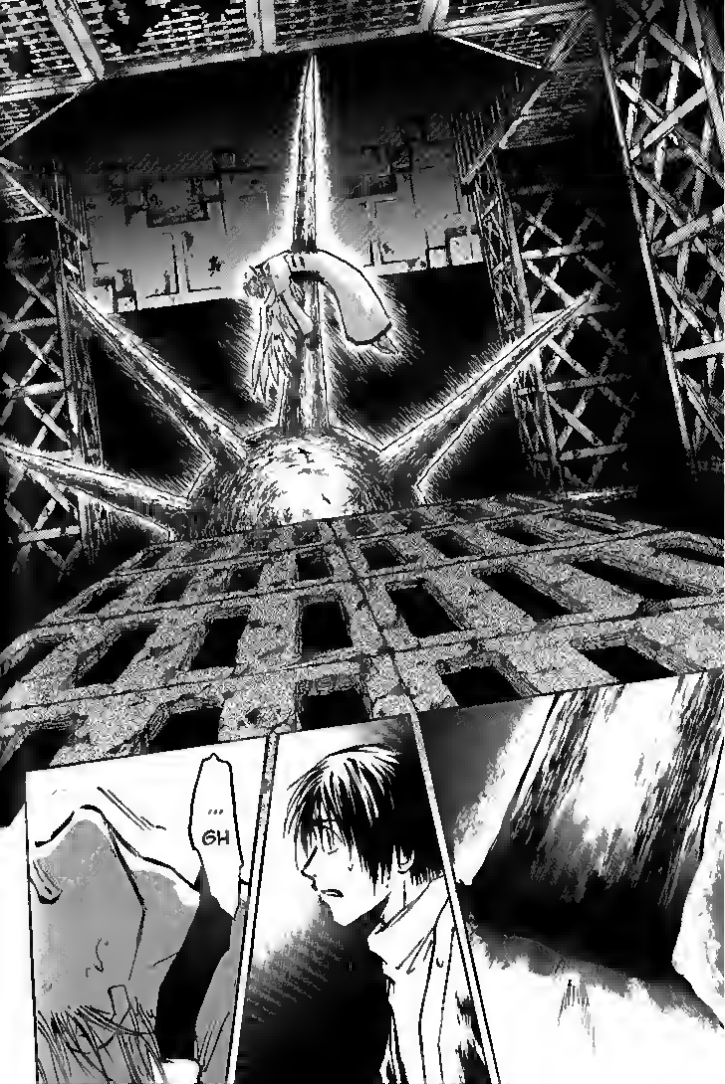
USE HIS "CONSCIOUSNESS ORB" TO RETURN IT TO MOTHER'S SIDE!
...!
FLAP
PURIFY ME! TAKE MY IDEAS SEPHIRAH!
FLAP
THE "TRUE FORM OF GOD'S PAIN"!
THE LITTLES' ESSENCE...
HE'S LINKED TO OTHER CONSCIOUSNESS ORBS, SO IF IT'S TRANSMITTED...
HIS REAL FORM WON'T BE DAMAGED...
IT CAN KILL GROTESQUES...
AND EVEN PURIFY GOD IF SHOT...

WH—
AT
GRIP
GLARE
GHH-
GH!

GYAAAAAH
AAAA
SPRLL
ZRRRRRRRL

haa-
ah
WOOSH

FLUTTER
FLUTTER
RUSTLE
SSSHHH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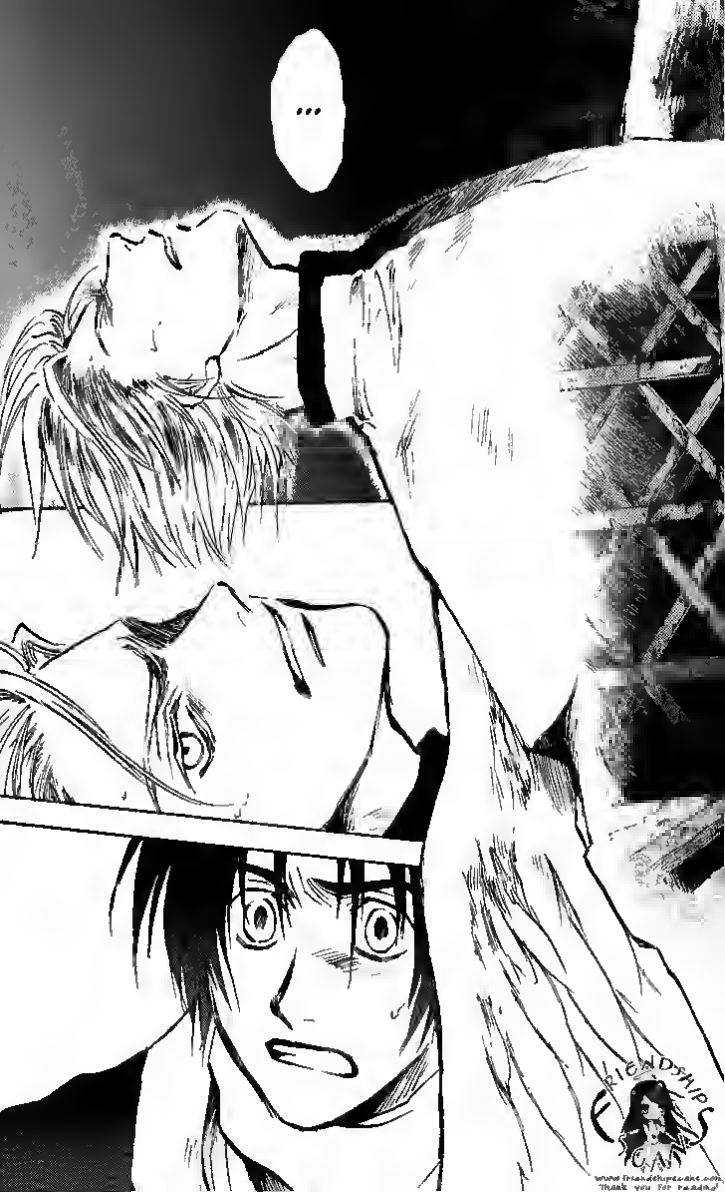
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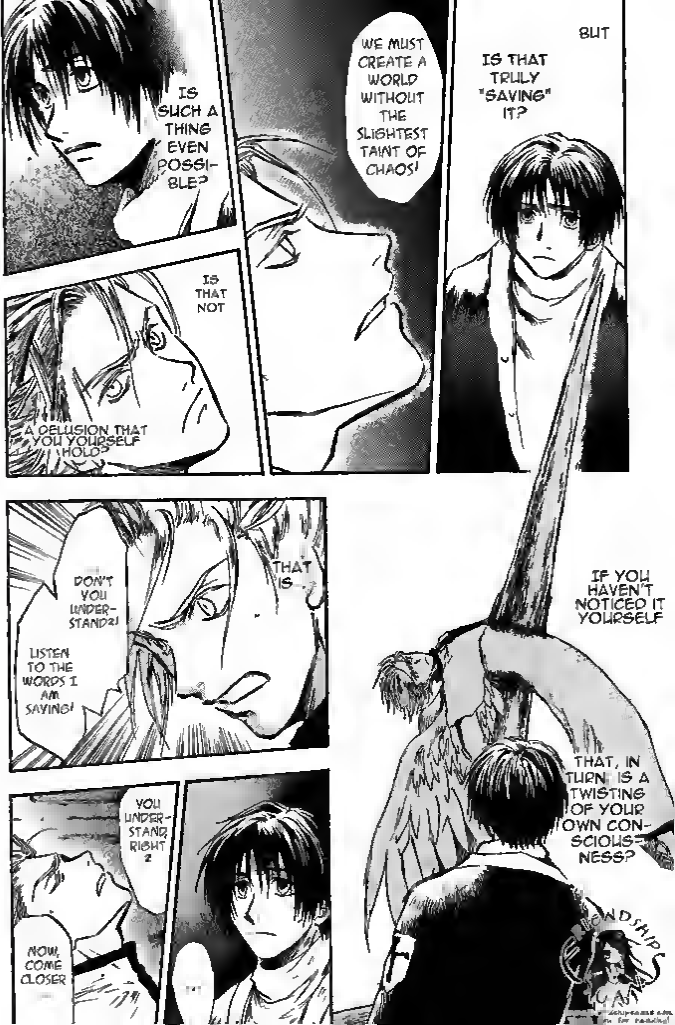
BACK THEN ...
...ARE YOU SURPRISED?
WHEN THE GREAT BLAZE HAPPENED
THAT'S RIGHT
THIS IS MY ACTUAL BODY.
AND I TOOK ACTION TO STOP
YOUR SINFUL ATTEMPT TO MERGE WITH GOD.
SLICE!
DON'T CUT US IN TWO!
STOP

THWACK

G...GH
TWITCH
GYAAH

I WISHED TO SAVE HUMANITY FROM THE EFFECTS OF "YOUR" FUSION WITH GOD...!
TO THINK THAT AFTER THAT, I WOULD BE CONSUMED WITH THE NEEDLE OF A CONSCIOUSNESS ORB...
RUSTLE
THAT'S HOW INSANE GOD BECAME ...
OR RATHER
AT THAT POINT IT WAS SOMETHING APART FROM GOD.
A HUMAN-LIKE BEING BEARING THE POWERS OF A GOD.
A GOD WITH A HUMAN-LIKE WILL IS NOT CAPABLE OF RULING CORRECTLY!
THAT IS WHY WE MUST PURIFY GOD AND BECOME A NEW GOD. CREATE A NEW WORLD!
YOU UNDERSTAND?
WE MUST SAVE THIS TWISTED WORLD FROM ITSELF ...
BUT...


IS SUCH A THING EVEN POSSIBLE?
WE MUST CREATE A WORLD WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST TAINT OF CHAOS!
BUT IS THAT TRULY "SAVING" IT?
IS THAT NOT A DELUSION THAT YOU YOURSELF HOLD?
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND!
LISTEN TO THE WORDS I AM SAYING!
THAT IS...
IF YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED IT YOURSELF
THAT, IN TURN, IS A TWISTING OF YOUR OWN CONSCIOUSNESS?
YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?
NOW, COME CLOSER...
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GO AND PURIFY GOD. I BEG OF YOU.
...
WITH ITS IDEA SEPHIRAH, WE CAN CREATE A NEW WORLD.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU
ENTER THE CONSCIOUSNESS ORB BENEATH ME.
IT LEADS TO GOD'S CHAMBER WORRY NOT.
YOU RECALL THE SYNTHESIZATOR, RIGHT? IT'S THE SAME THING
THE "DOOR OF LIGHT" THAT IS THIS CONSCIOUSNESS ORB.
WHY?
WHY IS HE...
JOIN ME, AND CREATE THE PERFECT WORLD!
...THIS MAN...

THIS WORLD IS SO HORRIBLY TWISTED.
?!
DON'T YOU UNDRESTAND?!
ARCH...
ANGEL?
WHY CAN'T ANYONE ELSE SEE IT ...?

THE WORLD IS ALWAYS BECOMING TWISTED THEN RECOVERING
IT SITS POISED AT A DANGEROUS BALANCE, AND THE OUTCOME ISN'T ALWAYS CLEAR
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED THAT.
WHY DOESN'T ANYONE ELSE NOTICE?
THEY PUT ON A PEACEFUL FACE AS IF NOTHING IS WRONG

MY PARENTS WHO TRIED TO HIDE MY PALE HAIR AND THE COLOR OF MY EYES
DON'T EVEN KNOW THEIR OWN SELVES ...

DO THEY ABSORB THE TWISTINGS
OR, ON THE OTHER HAND
I SEE THOSE FROM TIME TO TIME
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THEY?
IT'S ALL RIGHT
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I'M NOT TWISTING
YOU CAN'T BE IN YOUR BIG SISTER'S ROOM CHILD
YOUR FATHER WILL BE FURIOUS
ELIZA...?!
NO...
BIG SISTER...?
ARCHANGEL'S...?

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO "SEE" THE TWISTING AROUND ME
MY OLDER SISTER WAS BECOMING MORE WARPED BY THE DAY, I BELIEVE
THERE'S NO WAY TO TELL NOW
AS THE DAYS WENT ON, SHE BECAME UNABLE TO SPEAK TO OTHERS
THEN FINALLY IT WAS THE CAUSE OF HER DEATH
MY FATHER HAD BECOME SOMTHING NOT HUMAN AT ALL.
THE DAY SHE LAST DREW HER BREATH,

HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
Becoming more and more twisted regularly like this...
You under-stand?

NO WAY!
YOU JUST COULDN'T HANDLE THE EMBARRASSMENT ANY LONGER!
HAVE YOU TRULY NOT NOTICED AT ALL...?!
She will be happier this way.
BUT SHE WAS
TWISTING IN A WAY ENTIRELY UNLIKE THE REST OF YOU!

...
UWAAAAAAN
WHY IS THIS WORLD ...
...!

...!
THAT'S IT!
000
IF I FOLLOW THOSE...
I MIGHT FIND OUT.
STEP
WHAT IS MAKING THIS WORLD THIS WAY...
WHY THE WORLD IS THIS WAY
IF NO ONE ELSE IN THIS WORLD CAN SEE IT,
I WILL

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大きな翼と赤い瞳を持つ、マルクト教団の指導者。
主人公に天使銃を渡し、神経塔へと向かわせるが、その真意は定かではない。

CHAPTER 15: AWAKENING

And my brother was!
way before this.
The same face...?!
But...
I was cut apart from my brother...
... Is he sleeping?
... Or is he
more like a doll or something...?

SFX: BLINK
NOT QUITE
WE'RE NOT DOLLS.
Ah...
He spoke... and his eyes...
SFX: WWT
...!?

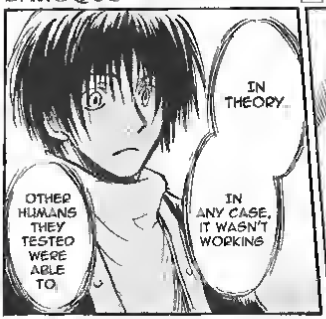
SFX 0000
I AM YOU
I AM ALSO YOU.
WE/YOU ARE YOU/US.
!?
...what is...
You are not alone.
you... not...
SHUK

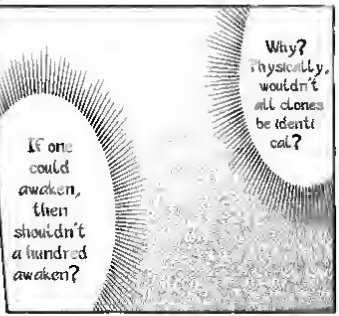
AT THIS RATE, YOU'RE GOING TO DIE.
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO DIE?
WITH THE CONSCIOUSNESS ORB, WE CAN COLLECT THE MEMORIES AND EXPERIENCE WHAT HE OBTAINED OUT THERE.
AND THEN, ANOTHER "YOU" WILL.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU DIE, YOU'LL LIVE AGAIN, AND HERE YOU WILL STAND.
THEN WE JUST WRITE 'EM TO THE NEXT ONE.
It's about you.

IF DURING THE COURSE OF THE "MISSION", "YOU" DIED
THAT'S RIGHT
WE/YOU ARE CLONES
WE WERE CREATED AT THE ORDER OF THE ARCH-ANGEL AFTER THE GREAT BLAZE
YOUR MEMORIES AND EXPE-RIENCES WILL BE TRANSMIT-TED TO "ME"
THEN, "I" WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE OUT-SIDE WORLD FROM THIS UNDER-GROUND RESEARCH LAB
Clones ?
I am ...
"I" WOULD THEN AWAKEN AS 'YOU'

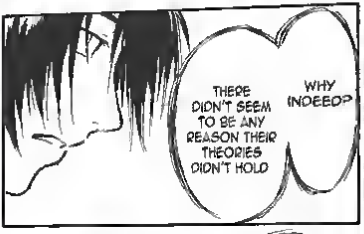
They never existed in the first place!
Back then, I thought my scars had healed and vanished, but I was wrong.
It was in fact a new body.
I see.
THE ARCHANGEL WAS TERRIFIED THAT MY/YOUR PURIFICATION ABILITIES WOULD DIE WITH US
That's why when I died, I lived on!
It makes perfect sense.
AFTER ALL, THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF PURIFYING GOD AND OBTAINING THE IDEA SEPHIRAH IS I/YOU
GOD ITSELF HAD LOST THE ABILITY,
AND IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR HIS END GOAL OF WORLD CREATION AND PRESERVATION
Memories from my previous life would be transmitted and,

I'M SURE YOU REC'LL THE REST, DON'T YOU?
... At one point, the Archangel released countless clones at once.
NO. 10'S... THAT IS, "YOUR" MEMORIES, WERE IMPRINTED ALONG WITH THE CONCEPT OF THE "MISSION" TO ALL CLONES.
THAT'S WHY, WHEN THE GREAT BLAZE HAPPENED, HE FOUND THE ORIGINAL KORIEL NO. 10 AND CREATED NUMEROUS CLONES.
"WE" DO NOT CONTAIN THE POWER OF PURIFICATION IN OUR IDEA SEPHIRAH.
DIDN'T ELIZ MENTION IT TO YOU?
PURIFICATION REQUIRES YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS TO BE PRESENT TO BE USED.
THAT DIDN'T WORK, THOUGH.
Why not?
...!?
ONLY ONE OF "YOU" WOULD AWAKEN AT A GIVEN TIME.
IN EVERY ATTEMPT
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES DOCTOR ANGELICUS AND THE RESEARCH ANGELS TRIED,


IN THEORY...
IN ANY CASE, IT WASN'T WORKING
OTHER HUMANS THEY TESTED WERE ABLE TO.


If one could awaken, then shouldn't a hundred awaken?
Why? Physically, wouldn't all clones be identical?

Why...?


WHY INDEED?
THERE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE ANY REASON THEIR THEORIES DIDN'T HOLD

BUT "YOU"...
YOU WERE SPECIAL.
ONLY ONE OF "YOU" COULD EXIST AT A TIME.

PROBABLY BECAUSE SHE KNEW IT, I THINK.
.....?

"Her" being the one who preserves this world. Warped and crazed as "God" is...
She thought of you as a singular, unique existence. That's why.
Why...?
WELL, THAT'S MY HYPOTHESIS, ANYWAY
THAT'S WHY ONLY ONE OF "YOU" CAN EXIST
How do you know all these things I don t...?
You re me, right?
Why do you... hypothesize everything?

"I" AM "YOU" BUT AM NOT "YOU"
I AM A MERE COPY OF ONE WHO BECAME HALF A GOD, BUT WAS SPLIT
WHILE MEMORIES ARE BEING WRITTEN TO "YOU" AND UNTIL YOU AWAKEN,
I HAVE JOINT OWNERSHIP OF SOME MEMORIES FROM BOTH YOU AND FROM GOD.
THAT'S WHY I KNOW.
DO YOU SEE?
YOU HAVE A LARGE SCAR ON YOUR RIGHT HIP.
IT'S FROM A LONG TIME AGO,
WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD. AND WERE SPLIT FROM YOUR OLDER BROTHER.
IT'S NOT FROM THE MOMENT OF THE GREAT BLAZE.
YES...

HALF A PERSON, SPLIT TWICE AND SHARING THE THOUGHTS OF A GOD
KORIEL 19..
YOU ARE THE ORIGINAL
SEX SHUFF-SHUFF
...
No—
How come are you up?!
It's impossible!
Spontaneous awakening from that state there's no way
ugh
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How am I going to explain this to Lord Archangel ...?
!
What a disaster-
If I can gather everyone together, maybe...
It won't open!
How can I...
IT'S ALRIGHT
THIS W...Y...
Consciousness orb?
IF YOU USE A CONSCIOUSNESS ORB, YOU CAN ESCAPE.

...
!!
Wh... what?!
AN-OTHER "YOU"
THE CURSE-BRINGER ANGEL TRANSFERRED IT HERE USING A CON-SCIOUSNESS ORB IN THE NEURO TOWER
...
CLICK
?
THIS WAS STOLEN BY ELIRO!
THE CURSE-BRINGER COL-LECTED THAT.

IF YOU USE THAT CONSCIOUSNESS ORB, YOU CAN MAKE IT OUT OF HERE
YOU WON'T SURVIVE LONG DISTANCES, THOUGH
BE CAREFUL AROUND THE ARCHANGEL.
HE ISN'T AWARE THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY 'STARTED OVER', BUT...
YOU NEVER KNOW UNTIL YOU TRY RIGHT?
Me?!
Up until now, I've never...
Uh...
PURIFY US
ONE MORE THING.
Okay...
DO NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION THAT YOU PLAN ON RETOYING HIM UNTIL THEN HE MIGHT GET IN YOUR WAY.
ONCE YOU'VE MADE IT TO THE BOTTOM FLOOR, YOU'LL BE FINE

But...
IF YOU DO THAT, WE CAN BECOME ONE WITH HER.
?
TAKE OUR IDEA SEPHIRAH TO ELIZA.
PURIFY US
USE IT ON HER BEHALF.
PURIFY US.
BEING IN THIS STATE IS... PAINFUL.
IT'S AN EXISTENCE OF MERE MEAT
WE ARE MERELY THOSE WHO WAIT TO BECOME "YOU"
by my hands...
TERMI-NATED BY YOUR HANDS...
MAY THIS END-LESS CYCLE DIE

sfx: whoosh
sfx: paaaaa
Thank you...
.....
THIS IS YOUR/ OUR IDEA, SEPHI-RAH
...LISE THIS.

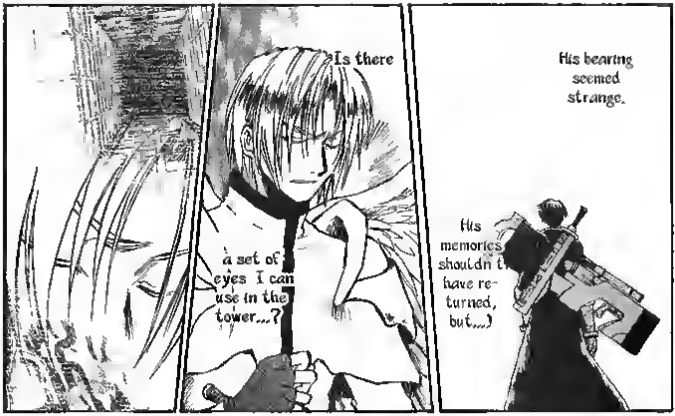
Hmm?
I should bring this back to that woman...
There he is!
N... number 12!
Has he purified all the clones...?
Y... you better give up!

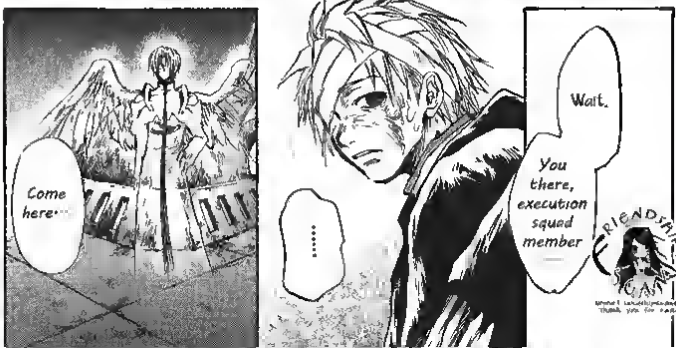
Now 12---
What a fool!
Blindly running away into such a small room, a dead end at that!
He's fled into that room!
Hmm? What's he doing?
There's no way---

She also gave him the power to use consciousness orbs?!
What God granted him wasn't merely the purification ability...
W... what?!
Transferral of a living being?!
Waaagh!
Ya scared me!
'The hell happened to ya?
Where'd ya come from?

Hey, wait, godammit!
What in the blazes was that?
STEP
You…
What kind of person were you before…
Huh? you' meaning me??
That man…
He's different now…
Ahh…
Just now…
-Wh
huh?!
Did something happen to you?
The researcher angels were suddenly all confused about something…
…though I suppose asking you is meaningless

Where is it…?
CLUNK
Is this what those researcher angels were so panicked about…?
Wait here
I'll get confirmation
Do You! you bear within you the synthetic consciousness orb?!
tch
Aren't you listening to me?!
No. 12! Wait!
!


Is there
a set of eyes I can use in the tower...?
His bearing seemed strange.
His memories shouldn't have returned, but...)


Come here...
.....
You there, execution squad member
Wait.

Lord Arch···
ngel ···?
!
THANK YOU
YOUR IDEA SEPHI-RAH...
WITH IT, YOU AND MY EGG CAN GIVE BIRTH...

THIS IS WHERE YOUR MEMORIES ARE HELD
THIS CONSCIOUSNESS ORB IS OUR EGG
WITH THIS, THEY CAN BE GIVEN BACK TO YOU...
AT THE TIME, MOTHER FEARED THAT IT WOULD GO CRAZY WITH HER, AND WAS SADDENED BY THE THOUGHT
AT THE TIME OF FUSION, YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO IMPART YOUR ALL.
THIS WAS GIVEN TO ME AT THE GREAT BLAZE, WHEN I WAS SPLIT APART FROM MOTHER
... If I take these memories back into myself, where will the current me go...?
Will I disappear just like rewritten clones?
My...

Hm.
If I disap peared, I think I'd be un happy
I see
NO
IT'S " REMEM- BRANCE" ONLY
WHY THE WORRY ?
If...
If I forgot every- thing when my memories returned,
That would be a "me" I wouldn't know.
He wouldn't know her aura of nostal- gia. ,
The prior me wouldn't have memories of you nor Alice.
Has there been someone else who
spent their all seeking out an other person's thoughts?
When he was betrayed by the one man he thought he could count on, how did he feel?
The me prior to the Great Blaze,, would he understand?

...Thank you I remember now.
There is another whose thoughts I would see.
...
...Eliza?
When I was with her, I recall seeing it...
In the Archangel's memories, a woman who strongly resembled you appeared
Was that you?
NO
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I WILL
DO IT!

Chapter 17: Festival

EVEN AN IMPERFECT WORLD
HAS NO NEED OF AN INCOMPETENT PRESERVED GOD.
..I AM
THE ONLY ONE OF MY KIND IN THIS WORLD
PI
INTO THIS WORLD
-SOME-HOW
INSIDE OF YOU IS.
ACCEPT ME
FRIENDSHIPS

ARCHANGEL IS...
WHRRRT
WHAT'S THIS?
NEW CONSCIOUSNESS ORBS?!
ELIZA

SFX GAZE
SFX GASP

I'M SO HAPPY!
THIS TIME, TRULY
AT LAST
I CAN BECOME ONE WITH YOU, RIGHT ?
I FIRST KNEW OF HUMANITY
-WHEN YOU TOUCHED ME FOR THE FIRST TIME
WHEN THE DAIRAP FUSION HAPPENED ?
TO THINK SUCH A SMALL BODY
SO DEEP THE BOTTOM COULDN'T BE SEEN-
COULD READ SUCH A DEEP HOLE INSIDE IT
WHAT-

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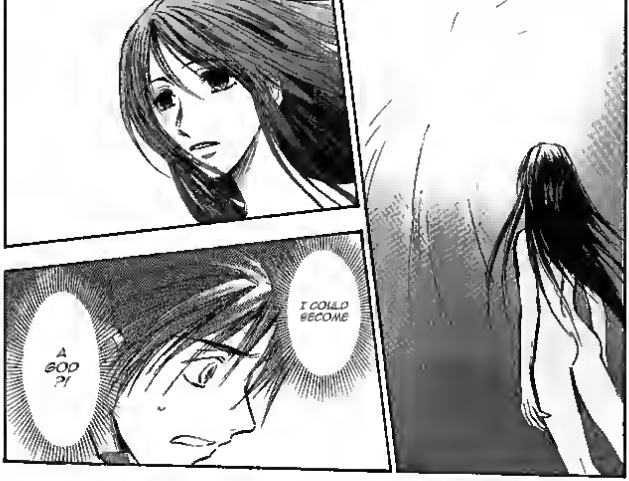
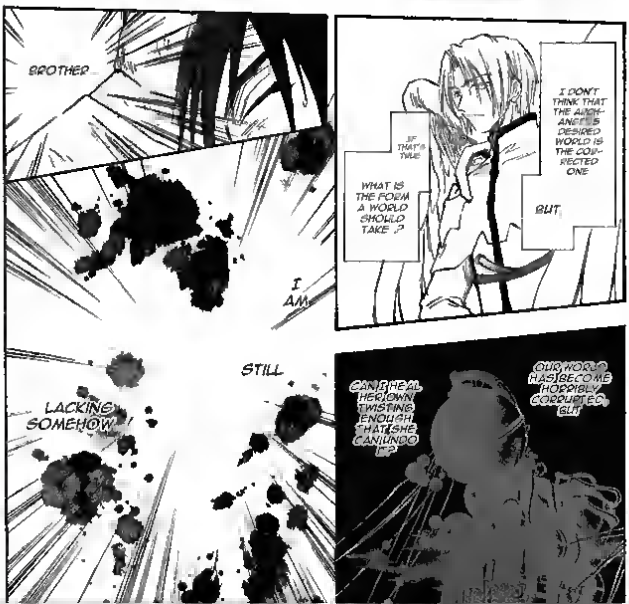
Thank you for reading!
I WANTED TO FILL WHAT WAS MISSING INSIDE OF YOU, BUT
IT WAS SO DIFFICULT AND...
AS WE WERE BECOMING ONE, THE ARCHANGEL SPLIT US APART...
IT WAS MYSTERIOUS AND FASCINATING TO ME.
YOU HAD ME IN A DAZE OF CURIOSITY.
SHOCK
A NEW WORLD!
RE-CREATION
BECOME A NEW GOD ALONGSIDE ME!
WE MUST CORRECT THIS TWISTED WORLD
ARCHANGEL
WAIT
-W
ZRT

IF I FUSED WITH YOU
WILL I TOO BECOME A DESERVED GOD ?
YES, YOU WILL.
-BUT I HAVE NO IDEA
HOW TO DEAL WITH A WORLD
IT SOUNDS TOO OVER-WHELMING
WITH THE BURDEN OF MY SINS I CAN ONLY THINK OF RUNNING AWAY
HOWEVER YOU LIKE.
YOU CAN DEAL WITH IT HOW YOU WISH
NOW.
WAIT
LET US BECOME ...


I COULD BECOME
A GOD ?!


BROTHER
I AM
I DON'T THINK THAT THE ALCHEMIST'S DESIRED WORLD IS THE CORRECTED ONE
BUT
IF THAT'S TRUE
WHAT IS THE FORM A WORLD SHOULD TAKE ?
STILL
LACKING SOMEHOW
OUR WORLD HAS BECOME HORRIBLY CORRUPTED, BUT
CAN IT HEAL HERSELF TWISTING ENOUGH THAT SHE CAN UNDO IT ?

CLUTCH
STEP
STEP
STEP
SAVE ME
BROTHER
Vwaaa
A CONSCIOUSNESS OF?

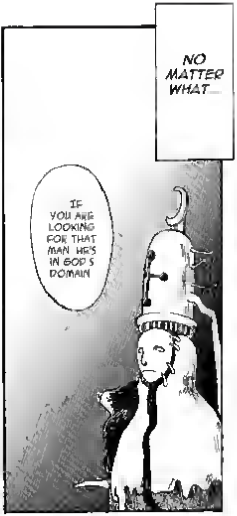
BIG BROTHER...!
HRMMMMM
FOR THAT REASON I CAME AND DWELT HERE
IMPRISONED BY MY OWN SIN
WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN?
FRIENDY!MP!

BETRAY YOU.
ONLY NOW HAVE I DISCOVERED
WHY
HOW I CAME TO
...LORD
ARCHANGEL ...

YES?
YOU SURELY SAW ME AS SOMEWHAT OF A SUBORDINATE YOU COULD CONFIDE IN, BUT
DOCTOR ANGELICUS!
I WAS GLAD THAT.
I WAS SOME USE TO YOU.
DOCTOR ANGELICUS
-WHAT DO YOU WANT?

AND I COULDN'T
I DO NOT EXIST
IN THE WORLD WHICH YOU DESIRE,
I THOUGHT I WAS NECESSARY TO YOU AND THAT
WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME BUT...

HE NO LONGER HAS ANY DESIRE TO SAVE THIS WORLD
THEY HAVE BEGUN THE FISSION ALREADY, IT SEEMS
HOW HORRIBLE


NO MATTER WHAT—
IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THAT MAN, HE'S IN GOD'S DOMAIN

-WHY AM I EVEN ALIVE?

LORD MICHAMEL
IT ISN'T EVEN WORTH BEARING THE PAIN ANY MORE.

-IT WAS A JOKE

THAT
I CANNOT

IS MY LIFE CONNECTED TO THIS CONSCIOUSNESS OR?
IF THAT'S SO,
DOCTOR ANGELUS
COULD YOU EXTRACT IT FOR ME?

BACK THEN
.....
FOR A MOMENT
WHEN THAT MAN PASSED THROUGH HERE,
HAVE I TOLD YOU THIS BEFORE?
YOU KNOW, I HAD AN OLDER SISTER ONCE.
DAY BY DAY, HER TWISTING BECAME WORST.
SHE WAS EVEN UNABLE TO SPEAK.
-ONE TIME

SUCH A PRETTY COLOR.
THAT ONE TIME
I DID HEAR HER VOICE...
AFTER ALL THIS TIME...
WHY?
I...
-YOUR SISTER...?
LORD ARCHANGEL

IT'S NOT THE GREATEST SOLUTION
DON'T YOU SEE THE GIANT NEEDLE?
I'M AT THIS WEIRD ANGLE, SO MY NECK HURTS
THE WORST PART IS, THERE'S NOTHING HERE. IT'S BORING.
S-SORRY

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
IS THERE
ANY-WHERE YOU'RE IN PAIN, OR...

AT LEAST
COULD YOU STAY WITH ME, UNTIL THE END?

AT LEAST
.....

ANGELICUS...
YES?

-ARCH
YES...

HOW...
BIG BROTHER ?
I'M STILL ALIVE.
WHEN I WAS SPLIT FROM YOU, IN DEATH
MY SOUL WANDERED AROUND THE NEURO TOWER BUT
JUST AS THE WORD'S IMPLY
NOT HYPOTHETICALLY OR ANYTHING.
!?
I'M ALIVE INSIDE YOU, EVEN NOW.

IN THE SHOCK OF THE GREAT BLAZE
I WAS ABLE TO ENTER BACK INTO YOU
THAT DAY
IT'S A LIE
SFX FROWN
I'M NOT LYING!
THEN WHY?!
-I WAS REBORN THROUGH YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS ORII AS WELL AS ELIZA'S.
SO AT LAST I AM ABLE TO SPEAK WITH YOU ONCE MORE.

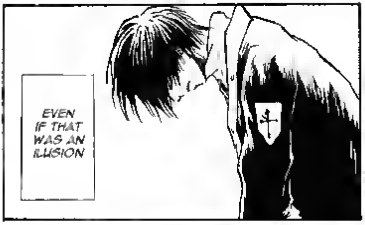
WHY DO I STILL HAVE THIS HOLE INSIDE OF ME?!
IF YOU'RE INSIDE OF ME...
LOOK!
WHY WON'T THIS SCAR HEAL?!
CLARE
...THAT'S BECAUSE

I'M ME, I'M NOT A PIECE OF YOU
EVEN NOW
EVEN WHEN WE WERE ATTACHED AND INSEPARABLE
I AM NOT YOU
!?
I CAN'T FILL THAT VOID INSIDE OF YOU
NO ONE CAN
NOT EVEN A GOD
WHAT YOU ARE MISSING IS SOMETHING OF YOUR OWN

NO ONE, ASIDE FROM YOU, CAN DO THAT.
THUD
BUT IF YOU NEED SUPPORT, I CAN DO THAT.

IF YOU NEED COOPER-ATION OR AID
I CAN GIVE THAT TO YOU
-BUT I
I WAS THE ONE WHO
DID THAT TO YOU
IT'S ALL RIGHT.

YOU DID NOT KILL ME.
LET'S LIVE TOGETHER.
BROTHER


EVEN IF THAT WAS AN ILUSION

MY OWN
DELUSION PERHAPS STILL.

IT ISN'T TO FILL
WHAT IS MISSING
...IS IT ALL RIGHT?
YES

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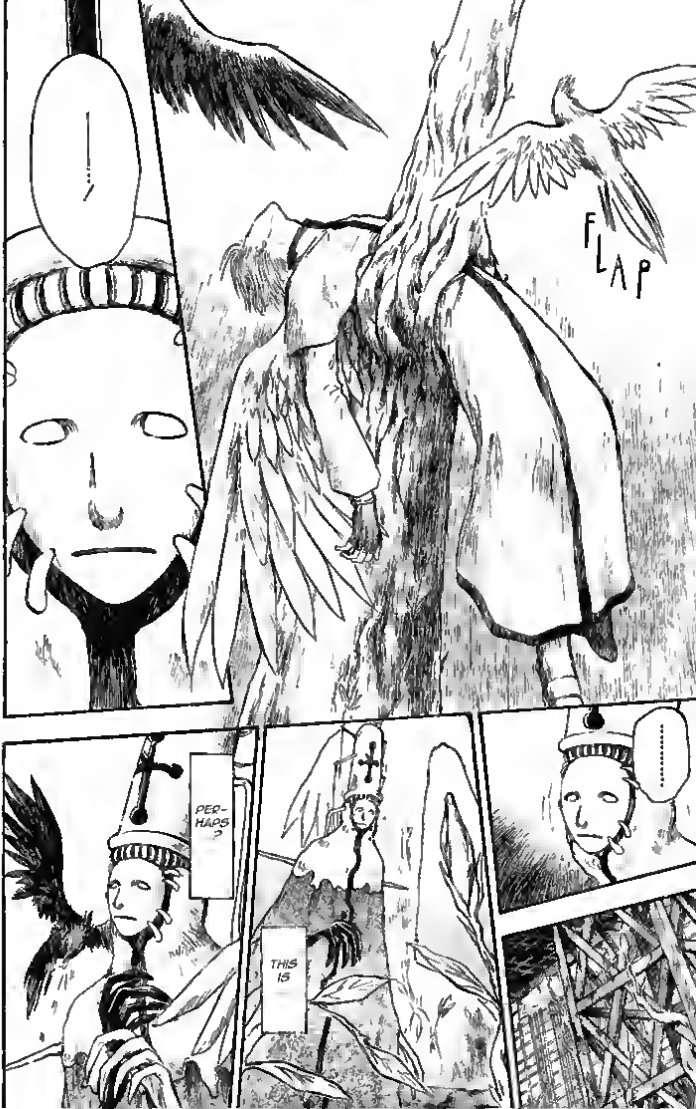
TLE
WHAT ?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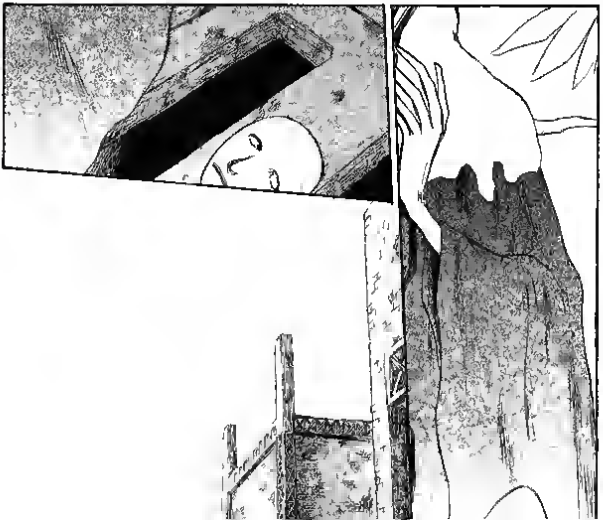
FLAP
PER-HAPS?
THIS IS
.....

LORD ARCHANGEL
THE TIME THAT...?


UP THERE ..?
-UGH ...
SFX: TWITCH
AH?

WHY?
ALICE..
HEY!
WHY'D YOU DO THIS?
WE WERE ALL MERGED PERFECTLY ..
NOW LOOK!
I'M JUST THE WAY I WAS!
YOU, ELIZA, YOUR BROTHER ..

WE BECAME THE SPLIT DIVINITIES, RIGHT?
THEN WE BECAME ONE, BUT
—HEY!
IT WASN'T BECAUSE YOU
HATED THE IDEA OF MERGING WITH ME, RIGHT?!
NO, NO.
BUT WE'RE NOT ONE.
THAT'S WHAT WE WANTED
IS THAT WRONG?
—NOT REALLY WRONG, BUT...
I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO BE ONE WITH YOU.
IF YOU AND I WERE THE SAME, I THINK I'D BE LONELY
THAT'S NOT IT, BUT...
?

...MY BROTHER AND I WERE TOGETHER FOR A LONG TIME
WE WERE PRACTICALLY THE WORLD TO EACH OTHER
WHEN MY BROTHER WAS GONE, IT WAS AS IF THE WORLD AND I LOST MEANING
THAT'S WHY I FELT THAT I WAS MISSING SOMETHING.
YEAH I KNOW.
I UNDERSTOOD THAT WHEN WE MET
WHEN YOU HAD FIRST LOST YOUR MEMORIES, AND YOU WANTED TO BOND WITH ME THAT TIME, IT WAS BECAUSE WE HAD FUSED AND SPLIT...
YOU WERE LOOKING FOR YOUR LOST OTHER HALF, RIGHT?
IT WASN'T THAT YOU LIKED ME, OR ANYTHING
ALICE
I KNEW THAT!
BUT THAT'S OKAY
BECAUSE I LIKE YOU!

I HAD A FEELING OF TOTAL FULFILLMENT
YOU SAID THAT IT WOULDN'T FILL WHAT WAS MISSING
BUT IT ACTUALLY DID
-HUH?
BUT THEN...
WHY AM I HERE ?
WHEN I TOUCHED YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME
IF WE COMPLETELY MERGED THAT WOULD BE THE END
I WOULDN'T EVER BE ABLE TO FEEL YOU AGAIN.
I WANT TO FEEL THAT FULFILLMENT OVER AND OVER.
THAT'S WHY I DID IT, I THINK
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Thank you for reading!

I THOUGHT THAT I'D LIKE TO BE WITH YOU.
BLUSH
IT'S NOT WRONG PER SE.
IS THAT WRONG?
EVEN IF WE DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER?

I WANT TO REMAIN MYSELF, ONE BEING

WITH PARTS MISSING, WITH MY OWN CORRUPTION.

JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.

IF I FEEL ANY PARTS MISSING, OR I BECAME TWISTED...
IF I AM NOT COMPLETELY FULFILLED
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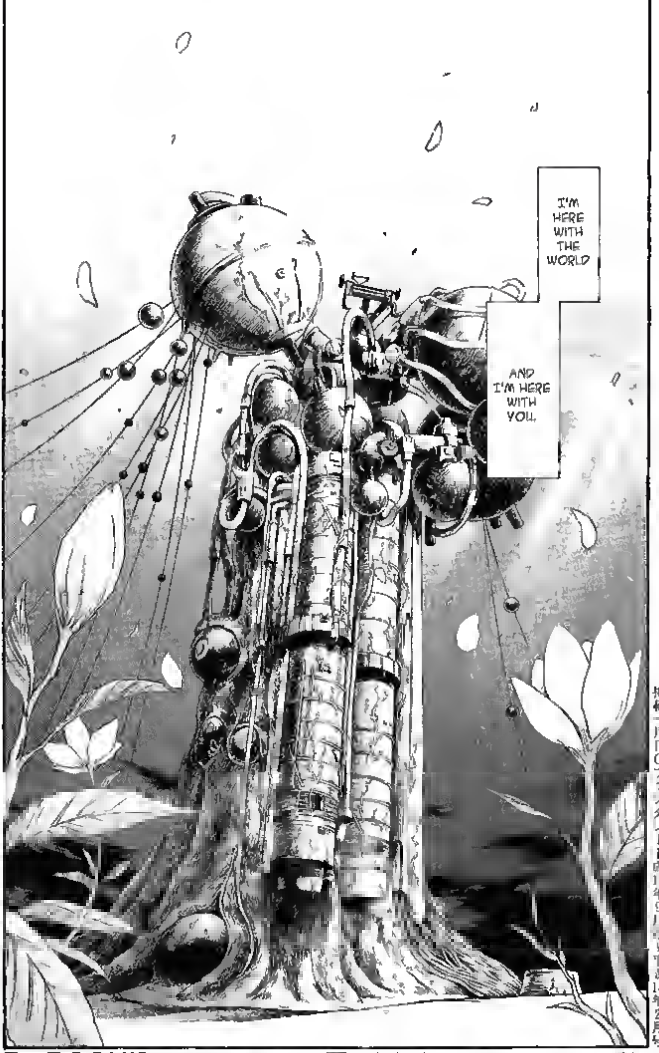

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING TO THE END
THE MANGA ENDS WITH THIS PAGE. BUT I WONDER HOW YOU ENJOYED IT?
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT PLAYED IT, THE GAME BAROQUE HAS A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FEELING FROM THIS MANGA

WE'RE AT THE END,
BUT I'D LIKE TO THANK MR. YONEMITSU AND THE GREAT PEOPLE AT STING FOR THEIR WARM IMPRESSIONS
THEY GAVE ME FREEDOM TO WORK, AND IT WAS AN INCREDIBLY FUN EXPERIENCE
ALSO, THROUGH LONG BLOODY SCENES AND TINY DETAILS, I WAS AIDED BY N-CHAN, A-SAN, T-SAN, I-SAN, NO-SAN, NR-SAN, K-SAN, SI-SAN, & SAN
AND TO EVERYONE ELSE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! THIS IS ALL THANKS TO YOU!
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AGAIN!

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>> I HAVE A WEBSITE WHICH I KEEP A JOURNAL ON
I WRITE ABOUT MY WORK THERE

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